

## **IV. SETTING, IMPACTS AND MITIGATION MEASURES**

This chapter contains an analysis of each issue that has been identified through preliminary environmental analysis and the public scoping session for the North Main Street Development Projects and, as such, constitutes the major portion of the Draft EIR. Sections A through I of this chapter describe the environmental setting of the project as it relates to each specific issue, the impacts resulting from implementation of the project, and proposed mitigation measures to reduce potential impacts are recommended where appropriate.

### **A. DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Under CEQA, a significant effect is defined as a substantial, or potentially substantial, adverse change in the environment.<sup>1</sup> The guidelines implementing CEQA direct that this determination be based on scientific and factual data. Each impact and mitigation measure section of this chapter is prefaced by a summary of criteria of significance. These criteria have been developed using Appendix G of the *CEQA Guidelines* and applicable City policies, including the City's General Plan.

### **B. ISSUES ADDRESSED IN THE DRAFT EIR**

The following environmental issues are addressed in this chapter:

- Land Use and Planning
- Population and Housing
- Transportation, Circulation and Parking
- Air Quality
- Noise
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Hazards
- Cultural and Paleontological Resources
- Aesthetic Resources

### **C. FORMAT OF ISSUE SECTIONS**

Each environmental issue section generally has two parts: (1) Setting, and (2) Impacts and Mitigation Measures of the proposed project.

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<sup>1</sup> Public Resources Code 21068.

Impacts are numbered and shown in bold type, and the corresponding mitigation measures are numbered and indented. Impacts and mitigation measures are numbered consecutively within each topic and begin with an acronymic reference to the impact section (e.g., LU). The following symbols are used for individual topics:

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| LU:    | Land Use and Planning                    |
| POP:   | Population and Housing                   |
| TRANS: | Transportation, Circulation, and Parking |
| AIR:   | Air Quality                              |
| NOISE: | Noise                                    |
| HYD:   | Hydrology and Water Quality              |
| HAZ:   | Hazards                                  |
| CULT:  | Cultural and Paleontological Resources   |
| AES:   | Aesthetic Resources                      |

Impacts are also categorized by type of impact as follows:

- S = Significant
- SU = Significant and Unavoidable
- LTS = Less than Significant

These notations are found following each impact and each mitigation measure to identify their significance before and after mitigation.